

2 means for updating the statuses of said races on said track board at predetermined time
3 intervals.

1 119. (new) The system of claim 117, wherein said statuses are distinguished by color.

1 120. (new) The system of claim 117, wherein said races are distinguished from each other to
2 said user by status as closed for wagering with no results available, open for wagering with live
3 odds available, and open for wagering with no live odds available.

1 121. (new) The system of 20, further comprising:

2 means for providing live odds to said user terminal through said computer network if the
3 status of said selected race is open for wagering with live odds available, wherein said live odds
4 are displayed to said user by said user terminal; and

5 means for updating said live odds at said user terminal at predetermined time intervals.

REMARKS

Claims 1-91 are pending in the present application. The Examiner requires restriction between Group I, claims 1-30, drawn to the transmitting of wagering data for a race contest, classified in class 700, subclass 91; Group II claims 31-60 and 86-91, drawn to an interactive wagering system, classified in class 463, subclass 40; and Group III claims 61-79 and 80-85, drawn to a database processing, classified in class 707, subclass 1.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-30. This election is made without traverse.

Claims 2-5, 7, 9, 15, 21-22, 25 and 27 have been amended as set forth above and hereafter to correct typographical and/or grammatical errors. No new matter is added thereby. Claims 92-121 have been added and correspond to a system for performing the method of claims 1-30.

In the Action, the Examiner also notes that page 52 is missing from the disclosure. Applicants' attorney previously faxed a copy of this page to the Examiner to facilitate

completion of the Election/Restriction requirements. The Examiner now requires that the missing page be submitted through normal processing procedures in response to the Action. Applicants respectfully note that in response to the Restriction/Election requirement, claims 31-91 were canceled. Page 52 corresponded to part of claim 86, claim 87-88 and part of claim 89. As noted, to the extent that these claims are part of the present application, they are hereby canceled. Applicants submit that there is no need to submit this page at this time. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this, he is cordially invited to contact the Applicants' attorney – Joseph Powers – at the below listed phone number.

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment which may be associated with this communication to our deposit account **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims 31-91 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2-5, 7, 9, 15, 21-22, 25 and 27 have been amended as set forth below. Claims 1, 6, 8, 10-14, 16-20, 23-24, 26 and 28-30 remain unchanged, and claims 92-121 have been added.

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1 2. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said race program data further comprise[s] a
2 program number and post position for each current entry in each of said races.

1 3. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said race entry data further comprise[s]
2 morning line odds for said original entries.

1 4. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said race entry data further comprise[s] an
2 original jockey for each original entry and an original trainer for each original entry, and said
3 race program data further comprise[s] a current jockey for each current entry and a current
4 trainer for each current entry.

1 5. (amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of transmitting a listing
2 [at] of at least one past performance product, at least one handicapping product, or at least one
3 tip selection product, or a combination thereof, to said user terminal through said computer
4 network, wherein said listing is displayed to said user, and prompting said user to select at least
5 one product from said listing, wherein a request for a selected product is transmitted by said user
6 terminal through said computer network.

1 7. (amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of transmitting a list of
2 races that have not yet been run through said computer network to said user terminal, wherein
3 said list of races is displayed to said user by said user terminal, prompting said user to place a
4 mock wager on at least one of said listed races, comparing a selected mock wager with results of
5 said races, and awarding a prize to said user based on said comparison.

1 9. (amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting results data
2 for said currently scheduled races to said user terminal through said computer network after said

3 currently scheduled races have been made official, said results data including the finish order of
4 entries from said races and payoffs for said entries, wherein said [racing] results data are
5 displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1 15. (amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said program data include[s] post times for
2 said currently scheduled races, the method further comprising the steps of prompting said user to
3 select a time zone for displaying post times for said currently scheduled races and causing said
4 post times for said currently scheduled races to be expressed in a selected time zone when
5 displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1 21. (amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said race characteristic [race] includes race
2 class, race sub-class, race age, distance, surface, number of runners, breed, sex, race name, post-
3 time, track name, purse name, race number, restrictions, claim minimum, claim maximum, chute,
4 simulcast, or combination thereof.

1 22. (amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising the steps of prompting said user
2 to organize said search results according to [at least one of said] a race characteristic[s] and
3 causing said search results to be organizable by [said] a race characteristic selected by said user,
4 wherein search results organized by a race characteristic selected by said user are displayed to
5 said user by said user terminal.

1 25. (amended) The method of claim 24, further comprising the step of prompting said user to
2 search said listing for races having at least one [of said] race characteristic and causing said
3 listing to be searchable for races having a race characteristic selected by said user, wherein
4 search results from a search selected by said user are displayed to said user by said user terminal.

1 27. (amended) The method of claim[s] 26, further comprising the step[s] of updating the
2 statuses of said races on said track board at predetermined time intervals.